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INHARMONICITY EFFECTS AND AUDITORY TEMPORAL MASKING  
Customer No.: 25319

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2008. Would the Office kindly amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.